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The way the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is being implemented is forcing many to participate in a program against their deeply held moral and religious convictions. It limits any protections of conscience concerning this matter only to religious employers. What about the many employers who have religious convictions but are not house of worship employers. The government with this way implementing the Affordable Care Act is not taking into consideration the rights of conscience of these other employers. They are being coerced against following their conscience in this controversial policy which the government will be implementing. The government is taking a step to being more dictatorial.

As Thomas Jefferson stated: "[O]ur rules can have authority over such natural rights only as we have submitted to them. The rights of conscience we never submitted, we could not submit. We are answerable for them to our God." [Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), U.S. President. Notes on the State of Virginia (1787), Query 17, p. 159, ed. William Peden (1954).]

The bipartisan sponsored bill - Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) if passed would help ensure that the rights of conscience of all participants in our nation's health care system will be respected.